

# **Supplemental Report of the New Jersey Synod Council**

## **May 28, 2026**

### **OFFICERS**

The Rev. Christa Compton, Bishop; Arundel Clarke, Vice President; The Rev. Blake Scalet, Secretary; and James Harris, Treasurer.

### **SYNOD COUNCIL – CLERGY**

The Rev. Jack DiMateo, The Rev. Joseph Grauman, The Rev. Lisa Holliday, The Rev. Jim Krumbholz, The Rev. Jane McCready, The Rev. Eric Trozzo, and The Rev. Pamela Werner

### **SYNOD COUNCIL-LAY**

Jen Emmerson, Patricia Espejo, Wayne Olsen, Wannetta Phillips, Aretha Richardson, Rob Rinderer, Jose Sanchez, and Cari States-Codding.

### **EXCUSED**

Agnetta Fasasi, Gail Gugliotti, Jaime Howey, and Fred Humcke.

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

LuAnn M. Barnes, Executive Administrative, The Rev. Dean Brown, Assistant to the Bishop for Stewardship, The Rev. Maristela Freiberg, Assistant to the Bishop and DEM; and Christine Mangale, Lutheran Office of World Community and Churchwide representative.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice President Clark called the 227<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Synod Council to order at 7:00 PM.

### **REPORT OF THE BISHOP**

#### **I. REVIEW OF DUTIES AND ROLES FOR SYNOD ASSEMBLY**

#### **II. REVIEW OF VOTING PROCEDURES FOR SYNOD ASSEMBLY**

#### **III. ASSEMBLY OFFERING DESIGNATION**

**It was moved and seconded:**

**That the Synod Assembly offering will be designated to support clean water initiatives through ELCA World Hunger.**

**(The MOTION was ADOPTED 5/28/2026.)**

#### **IV. 39<sup>th</sup> SYNOD ASSEMBLY**

**It was moved and seconded:**

**That the 39<sup>th</sup> New Jersey Synod Assembly will be held May 21-22, 2027 at the Hyatt Regency in New Brunswick, NJ.**

**(The MOTION was ADOPTED 5/28/2026.)**

With no other business before the Synod Council, the meeting closed at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Rev. Blake Scalet, Synod Secretary